

EXECUTIVE ORDER

03-15

October 3, 2003

ESTABLISHING THE GOVERNOR'S CABINET ON CHRONIC AND LONG TERM CARE

WHEREAS, more than 200,000 Rhode Islanders are elderly or adult suffering with chronic or disabling conditions, and the state-administered programs providing services for their care cost more than \$900 million per year;

WHEREAS, demand for state services has risen substantially over the last twenty (20) years, and is expected to further increase, and the capacity of the service delivery system to respond to the increased demand is compromised;

WHEREAS, the policies and procedures of the various health and social service systems affect the level of care these persons receive and the public expenditures for services rendered, and there is a clear need for and public interest in better managing public expenditures across departments and programs; and

WHEREAS, an effective means of addressing cross-departmental issues that relate to the needs of these persons and resolving barriers to mutual action requires a framework, and the Rhode Island Children's Cabinet created in 1991 by section 42-72.5 of the Rhode Island General Laws serves as a model of cooperative state efforts to accomplish satisfactory outcomes.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DONALD L. CARCIERI, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, do hereby order as follows:

1. The Governor's Cabinet on Chronic and Long Term Care is established to develop a strategic plan, using the Rhode Island Children's Cabinet framework as a model, to effectively coordinate state-administered programs supporting the

needs of Rhode Island elderly and adults suffering with chronic or disabling conditions.

2. The Cabinet shall provide the Governor with an expert forum for the consideration and discussion of a wide range of issues related to providing service to Rhode Island elderly and adults suffering with chronic or disabling conditions, including the implications of an increased demand for services, the availability of providers, the quality of care rendered, the effectiveness and efficiency of delivery systems, the availability of improved processes and new technologies, and other matters involving the interaction of government, employers, consumers, health care professionals and other providers of related services including insurers.
3. The Cabinet shall collect and assess information on state policies and private industry practices affecting the organization, financing, and delivery of health and related social services in Rhode Island to elderly and adults suffering with chronic or disabling conditions, giving particular consideration to the impact of these policies and practices on their health and the State budget.
4. The Cabinet shall provide the Governor with advisories from the information collected and assessed. In preparing the advisories, the Cabinet shall: 1) use existing information, both published and unpublished; 2) undertake, through appropriate departments or agencies or in collaboration with the provider community, original research and experimentation, where existing research is inadequate to develop useful and valid assessments; and 3) adopt procedures allowing any interested party to submit information with respect to issues under consideration by the Cabinet.
5. The Cabinet shall meet regularly, hold public dialogue sessions and commission written input from departments of government as well as from existing committees, commissions, and other expert bodies.
6. The co-chairs of the Cabinet shall be the Director of Elderly Affairs and a member of the Governor's senior staff appointed by the Governor. Cabinet members shall also include: the Director of Administration, the Director of Business Regulation, the Director of Health, the Director of Human Services, and the Director of Mental Health, Retardation and Hospitals.
7. The Cabinet may organize and appoint any subcommittee it deems necessary or appropriate.
8. The Cabinet shall develop and report regularly to the Governor and submit an annual report to the Governor in January of each year.

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This Executive Order shall take effect immediately upon the date hereof and shall remain in effect until this Order is terminated.

So Ordered:

Donald L. Carcieri

Date: _____